

How to Get a Bracelet?

Eligibility:

- Must be age 60 or older
- Saginaw County Resident
- Suffering from a dementia related illness

Contact:

- Saginaw County Commission on Aging at 989-797-6880.

Process:

- Initial Assessment from COA caseworker to determine eligibility.
- Once approved client will be set up with the Lifesaver Bracelet.
- Staff will make monthly in-home visits to ensure equipment is working properly

Client/Family Responsibility:

- Initial cost of Bracelet and if required monthly payments
- Daily light maintenance of equipment

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Project Lifesaver is a collaborative effort sponsored by the Saginaw County Commission on Aging and the Saginaw County Sheriff's Department with support provided by the Saginaw County Triad, and the Saginaw County Dementia Advisory Board.

This program is offered to Saginaw County residents, age 60 years or older, who are affected by severe forms of dementia related illnesses. It is designed to assist in the tracking and locating of people who suffer from Alzheimer's and other related mental dysfunction disorders that may cause them to become lost.

The goal of Project Lifesaver is to ensure that no person suffering from a dementia related illness will become a victim of that illness and that they will be returned safely to their home and family.

How does it work?

The Project Lifesaver System works by utilizing a personalized radio transmitter worn by identified persons. The transmitter bracelet gives off an audible signal which can be identified should they wander from home. Specially trained law enforcement personnel utilize a mobile locator tracking device, which is capable of tracking a signal up to a mile by ground and five to nine miles by air.

Benefits

With the ability of the Project Lifesaver tracking device, a search can be successfully concluded in less than an hour, at minimum cost to the community. More importantly than the financial savings that Project Lifesaver brings to the community, it offers the law enforcement agency the ability to quickly and safely bring a wandering person home. Families and caregivers live with an enormous amount of stress when their loved one suffers from dementia, and the ability to quickly find them should they accidentally wander from home brings a comfort that no other method can provide.

True Story

"In Chatham, Virginia an 80 year old woman with Alzheimer's disease wandered from her home at night. The family contacted Project Lifesaver upon learning she was missing. Two Sheriff's vehicles equipped with Project Lifesaver equipment arrived on the scene and located the woman laying in a tobacco field. She had wandered into the field, fell, and could not get up. She was found covered with mud. Rescuers reported that a person standing up to 10ft away would not have noticed that a person was laying there. The helpless woman could have died if not located by Project Lifesaver."



"Project Lifesaver protects wandering patients and gives Peace of Mind to Families, Caregivers and Communities."